

Appl. No. 10/780,196
Amendment dated September 19, 2005
Response to Final Office Action of March 18, 2005

Remarks

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action of March 18, 2005. By way of this amendment, claim 1 has been amended, and claims 5-7 have been canceled. Previously withdrawn claims 10-26 have been canceled. If the proposed amendment is entered, claims 1-4, 8, and 9 will be pending. The proposed Amendment After Final is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or at least in better form for appeal without presenting new issues requiring substantial further consideration. Applicant requests further review and reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-6, 8, and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,946,307 (Jakob) in view of U.S. Patent 3,843,274 (Gutman et al.) This rejection is respectfully traversed in light of the present amendment.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response to this indication, independent claim 1 has been rewritten to the limitations of original claims 5, 6, and 7. This represents all of the limitations of original claim 7 and every claim from which it depended, and is believed to be an allowable combination. Minor amendments have also been made to claim 1 so that it consistently recites the term "grinding drum", and also to correctly recite the forward motion of the anvil

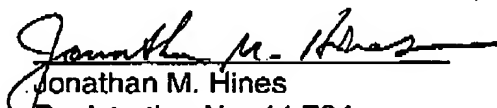
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as the grinding drum moves downward.

Claims 2-4, 8 and 9 depend from amended claim 1 and are thus believed to be allowable as well.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the objections and rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-4, 8, and 9, at an early date is solicited.

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